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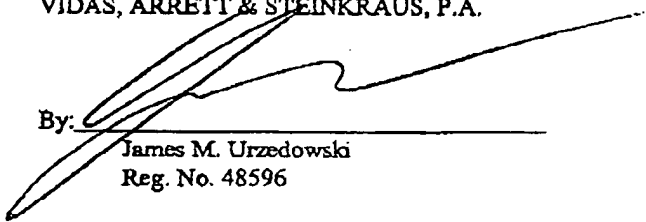
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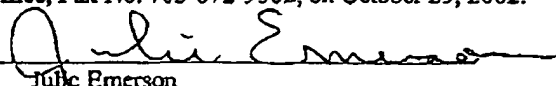

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before beginning examination and calculating the fees in this application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 30-32.

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30. (New) A covering for covering at least a portion of a stent, the covering comprising:
a tubular section of material for covering an unexpanded stent wherein such tubular section is dimensioned so as to constrain the expansion of the stent, and wherein a pattern of perforations provided in the tubular section is selected to modify the expansion characteristics of the section and thereby constrain the expansion of the underlying stent.
31. (New) A covering for covering at least a portion of a stent, the covering comprising:
a tubular section of polymeric material for covering an unexpanded stent wherein such tubular section is dimensioned so as to constrain the expansion of the stent, and wherein a